Parent Resources & Support

ALL DISABILITIES

Special Education Resource Center
410-887-5443
Located @ White Oak School
8401 Leefield Road, Room 100
Baltimore, MD  21234
serc@bcps.org
Supports parents of children ages birth to 21 with disabilities. The center activities include but are not limited to the following:

➢ Offers support to parents who need someone to talk to about IEP concerns
➢ Free workshops
➢ Multi-media lending library
➢ Browse our collection online at destiny.bcps.org, look under Special Collections

Abilities Network
410-828-7700
TTY Users Dial 711
8503 LaSalle Road, Towson, MD 21286
www.abilitiesnetwork.org
Offers information and referral support programs, advocacy and counseling.

Disability Rights Maryland
410-727-6352 / 410-235-5387 TTY
Private, non-profit law center that protects and advocates for the rights of children and adults with disabilities. Technical assistance provided for questions related to special education law. Also, publishes the free booklet, “Special Education Rights.”
http://disabilityrightsmd.org

Conflict Resolution Center of Baltimore County (CRC)
410-780-1206
CRC offers community mediation, community conferencing, parenting plan (Child custody and visitation rights) and IEP facilitation. They offer trained IEP facilitators to make the IEP process more effective. IEP facilitators are NOT advocates or decision makers. They are a neutral, third-party who supports the work of the entire group.
http://crcbaltimorecounty.org/

The Parents’ Place of Maryland
410-768-9100
802 Cromwell Park Drive, Suite Q
Glen Burnie, MD  21061
https://www.ppmd.org/
Our state resource center for families that have children with disabilities; it offers parent education courses and workshops, information and referral services as well as advocacy services.

The Resource Finder: A Project of Kennedy Krieger Institute
800-390-3372
https://www.kennedykrieger.org/community/initiatives/resource-finder
801 North Broadway, Baltimore, MD 21205
Provides information about disabilities to consumers, families, and professionals.

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Maryland ABLE
855-563-2253, 844-888-2253 (TTY)
https://www.marylandable.org
Maryland ABLE is a way to help people with qualifying disabilities and their families save for everyday needs, save and invest in a tax-free account, and prepare for the future without losing state or local benefits such as SSI and Medicaid Waiver services.

The IMAGE Center is dedicated to the creation of a learning and thinking environment that challenges concepts of what people with disabilities can do. They see the potential for people to become full contributing partners in their families, on the job and in the community. The fuller contributors we empower, the sooner disability is seen as a normal part of life-challenging, manageable, possible.

Social Security Administration
800-772-1213, TTY: 1-800-325-0778
https://www.ssa.gov/
Call for information on how to check apply for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities (MANSEF)
6501 N. Charles Street, Towson, MD 21204
410-938-4413
http://mansef.org/
A non-profit organization of special education schools which are approved by the Maryland State Department of Education, created to promote quality services for children with disabilities.

Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education
410-859-5400
6810 Deerpath Road, St. 300
Elkridge, MD 21075
http://www.mcie.org
An information and advocacy organization to promote the education of students in the least restrictive environment (LRE).

 IMAGE Center of Maryland
410-982-6311
300 East Joppa Road
Towson, MD, 21286
http://imagemd.org/

Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE)
Division of Early Intervention/Special Education Services
410-767-7770
200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
Family Support Services
410-767-0255
www.marylandpublicschools.org
The Division of Early Intervention/Special Education Services collaborates with families, local early intervention systems, and local school systems to ensure that all children and youth with disabilities have access to appropriate services and educational opportunities to which they are entitled under federal and state laws.

Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities
443-923-9555
https://www.kennedykrieger.org/community/initiatives/maryland-center-for-developmental-disabilities
Maryland’s University Center for Excellence that provides leadership that advances the inclusion of people with disabilities.
ADHD

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders (CHADD) of Greater Baltimore
https://www.chadd-mc.org/greater-baltimore
A monthly support group, speaker series, newsletter and lending library for adults and parents of children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

AUTISM

Autism Waiver Program
Autism Waiver Registry: 866-417-3480.
Baltimore County families’ local contact: 443-809-4130
Maryland’s Home and Community Based Services Waiver for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder allows eligible children with Autism Spectrum Disorder to receive specific waiver services and certain Medicaid services to support them in their homes and communities.

Autism Society of Baltimore-Chesapeake (ASBC)
410-655-7933
P.O. Box 10822, Baltimore, MD 21234
https://www.baltimoreautismsociety.org/
For anyone needing help and support raising, working with and/or advocating for a child with autism or PDD. Provides monthly meetings, a newsletter, library, and seminars on autism related topics.

Pathfinders for Autism
443-330-5341 (help line)
443-330-5370 (office)
235 Schilling Circle, Suite 103
Hunt Valley, MD 21031
https://www.pathfindersforautism.org/
Their mission is simple - to improve the lives of individuals with autism and the people who care for them. They accomplish this through a variety of programs and services, most of which are offered free of charge.

Autism Speaks
www.autismspeaks.org
Autism Speaks Inc. is the largest autism advocacy organization in the United States. It sponsors autism research and conducts awareness and outreach activities aimed at families, governments, and the public.

INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), Central Maryland Regional Office
410-234-8200
1-877-874-2494 (toll free)
Maryland Relay: 800-735-2258
1401 Severn Street, Suite 200
Baltimore, MD 21230
Provides a range of services to individuals with developmental disabilities through an application process.

Chesapeake Down Syndrome Parent Group, Baltimore County
410-321-5434
P.O. Box 20127
Baltimore, MD 21284-0127
The purpose of this group is to serve families of individuals with Down Syndrome by providing information and support.

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The Arc Baltimore
410-296-2272
7215 York Road, Baltimore, MD 21212
https://www.thearcbaltimore.org/
Provides advocacy and resources for people with developmental disabilities. Additionally, parent, caregiver and sibling support groups are offered.

Maryland/ Baltimore Community of Practice
410-767-8880, Mary Anne Kane Breschi
mary.kane-breschi@maryland.gov
The goal of the Baltimore CoP is to enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families across the lifespan. Using the principles and tools of Charting the LifeCourse framework we have the opportunity to change people's lives and their families as well as regulations, policies, programs, and practices that touch our lives. Please join us to learn more. Change your life! Change your community!

Decoding Dyslexia Maryland (Baltimore County)
https://www.decodingdyslexiamd.org/
Decoding Dyslexia Maryland is a parent-led, grassroots movement driven by families concerned about reading instruction and interventions for all students, including those with dyslexia, in Maryland Public Schools.

LD online
www.ldonline.org

Dyslexia Tutoring Program, Inc.
410-889-5487
The Rotunda, Suite 310
711 W. 40th Street
Baltimore, MD 21211
www.dyslexiatutoringprogram.org
Offers tutors trained in the Orton-Gillingham reading method, referrals, and support groups.

The International Dyslexia Association
410-296-0232
40 York Road, 4th floor
Baltimore, MD 21204
https://dyslexiaida.org/
Offers research, information and tutor referrals for children and adults with dyslexia.

Learning Disabilities Association of America
412-341-1515
P.O. Box 10369, Pittsburgh, PA 15234-1349
www.ldaamerica.org
Provides support to people with learning disabilities, their parents, teachers and other professionals with cutting edge information on learning disabilities, practical solutions, and a comprehensive network of resources.

National Center for Learning Disabilities
https://www.nclrd.org/
1 Thomas Circle NW, #700
Washington, D.C. 20005
The mission of NCLD is to improve the lives of children and adults nationwide with learning and attention issues—by empowering parents and young adults, transforming schools and advocating for equal rights and opportunities.